

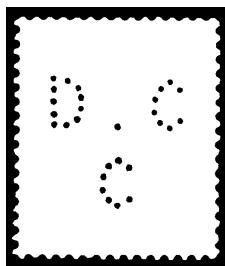
## **DESFORD COLLIERY CO LTD.**

**Roy Gault**

In Section ‘D’ of the New Illustrated Catalogue can be found details of two unidentified dies with **Leicester** postmarks and consecutive dates, namely “D.C/C” and “DCC/Ltd”. When I prepared that particular section I would have looked for a possible user in a trade directory, mainly due to the local interest, but failed. However, I must have blinked and missed it as the only possible user fitting all these letters is:

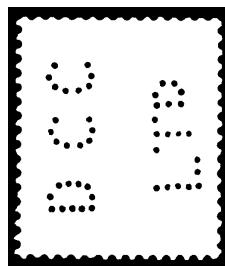
**Desford Coal Co Ltd**, Colliery Proprietors,  
1 De Montfort Chambers, Horsefair St, Leicester.

**1900-1920**



**D0665.01**

**1920-1939**



**D0670.01**

The ‘Register of Defunct and other Companies’ records them as registering in 1900 (presumably as a Limited Company), and going into Voluntary Liquidation on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1951. The collieries etc., having been vested in the National Coal Board (formed 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1947).



Desford colliery had two shafts, Desford No.1 and No.2, both situated near the village of Bagworth. The above illustration shows a replica model railway wagon lined out in the company colours. The wagon type is described as ‘early’ and doesn’t use the word ‘Limited’.

*Can anyone report dates for either die to tie down the changover?*